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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE
A SPECIAL SESSIONS of HER
MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the
PEACE will be held in the Justice's Room,
at the Magistrate's Office, at 10 o'clock in the
Forenoon of MONDAY, the 5th day of
JUNE, A.D. 1894, for the purpose of considering
an application from one HENRY OLIVER
for the transfer of his Publican's License to
sell and retail intoxicating Liquors on the
premises situated at Nos. 12 and 14, Queen's
Road, Victoria Street, under the sign of THE
"TRAVELLERS' HOTEL," to his wife ESTHER
OLIVER.

H. E. WOODHOUSE
Police Magistrate.

Magistrate's Office
Hongkong, 28th May, 1894. [1122]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION—
No. 215.

TENDERS will be received at this Office up to
Noon of the 5th day of JUNE, for the
MOVING ASHES from all Steamers in the
Harbour during the year ending June 30th
1895. This condition of tender can be seen
on application at the Office.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th May, 1894. [1123]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the
MEMBERS will be held on
SATURDAY, the 3rd instant, at Noon, at the
City Hall, to NOMINATE a MEMBER
of the Chamber to take the Place of the Hon.
T. H. WHITEHEAD, in the Legislative Council,
during his absence from the Colony.

By Order,
F. HENDERSON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1894. [1124]

WANTED—A GOOD FIRM to take the
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CELEBRATED "PARANAZA" MINERAL WATERS
"TANZAN" and "TANZAN".

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Kobe, Japan.

4th June, 1894. [1125]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND
POOHOOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"HAITAN".

Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 5th inst., at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1894. [1127]

FOR SHANGHAI
STEAMSHIP.

"LYBEMOON".

Captain G. Henemann, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th inst., at
4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEBEN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1894. [1120]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

(Taking through Cargo for SULTAN, MENADO,
and GORONTALO).

THE Company's Steamship
"MEMNON".

Captain Branch, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 5th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1894. [1121]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"CARDIGANSHIRE".

Captain Simcoe, will be despatched as above
on about TUESDAY, the 12th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODD, WELLS, CARLILL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1894. [1126]

NOTICE.

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SANTAL'S FLUIDAt the present time Disinfectants ought to be used freely by all.
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Further information can be obtained by personal application.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1894.NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.
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DEATH.

On the 26th May, at the International Hospital, Kowloon, Dr. Deane, native of Bremen, Germany, aged 69 years.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, JUNE 4TH, 1894.

HAWAII is not a country to which one would ordinarily look for constitutional precedents. It is, however, interesting to note that a question which recently gave rise to considerable discussion in Hongkong has also been raised there.

We refer to the question of officials voting in respect of their own salaries. In Hawaii, as in Hongkong, a policy of retrenchment is being followed, and of the Appropriation Bill being brought up in the Council the salaries of all officials, including the Ministers, were carefully scrutinized.

The salary of the Minister of Finance was entered in the Bill at \$9,600. It was proposed to reduce it to \$8,000, and one of the members of Council suggested that Ministers should not vote on the subject.

The Attorney-General thought Ministers ought to vote, because the question did not affect the present Ministers only, but their successors also. One of the Ministers, Mr. Dr. Knox, thought the Ministers ought to place themselves on record as favouring the reduction, a statement which elicited applause.

The ruling of the Vice-President, who was in the Chair, was to the effect that the Ministers were entitled to vote, as this was a question of public interest, not of private right.

On the motion being put, the four Ministers present voted for the reduction and two against, the total vote being nine for the reduction and five against. The salary was therefore passed at \$9,000 instead of \$9,600. The rule of the Council bearing on the subject is as follows:—

"No member shall be permitted to vote on any question where his private right is distinctly affected."
From public interest, it is immediately "earned." The Hawaiian Gazette, in commenting on the incident, says:—"That the amount of a salary is a matter of public interest is indisputable. It is, however, a matter of private interest as well. The reason for abstaining from voting is not the absence of a public, but the presence of a private interest. The officer who votes in favour of an increase or against a reduction of his own salary, votes money into his own pocket. That is a very plain and sufficient reason why he should not vote at all, whether there is any written law on the subject or not."

As applied to a country enjoying responsible Government the above is a perfectly correct way to take. The circumstances of Hongkong, however, are different. Here we do not enjoy responsible Government, and the officials are in a majority in the Legislative Council. It would be a good thing if the salaries of the majority of the officials, of all rank, except those immediately responsible to the Imperial Government, could be fixed by a local representative body, but so long as the government of the colony is carried on by permanent officials acting under the directions of Downing Street, and there is no direct representation of the ratepayers, we must

be content to allow the question of salaries to be decided by the Government majority in the Council. Endless, however, we hope that many of the officials will be transferred to the control of a Municipal Council, to whom they will be solely responsible. For the past half-century the intelligent community of Hongkong has idly stood by and allowed the affairs of the town to be regulated by irresponsible officials, frequently men with absolutely no local knowledge, sometimes with little capacity, and almost invariably wrapped up in traditions of red tape. The community is now, in the visitation of the plague, reaping a heavy penalty for its past neglect. The lesson is too plain and painful to be disregarded. The community must be up and doing and set its house in order itself, trusting no longer to irresponsible officials. It may be an excellent thing to have a majority of unofficial members in the Legislative Council to talk, but what is more urgently required is a Municipal Council composed of men able and willing to work and who are expected to do so, a Council endowed with executive functions and possessing full control over its own officers, so as to be able to enforce its orders. It is simply unthinkable that Tapinghian could ever have been allowed to fall into and continue in the condition which has proved so favourable to the spread of the plague had the town's affairs been managed by a Municipal Council.

The P. & O. steamer *Canton* left Bombay for this port on the morning of the 31st ult.

The quantity of oxen killed up to Saturday amounted to about twenty-five tons.

The Government is soliciting for tenders for the exclusive right of removing ashes from all steamers in the harbour.

The appointment of Mr. Plummer to be Acting Director of the Sanitary during the absence of Mr. Deane is generally welcomed.

The steamer *Canton*, bringing the outward cargo of the *China*, arrived at Hongkong on Saturday, and is due here on about the 8th inst.

Vessels from the North during the last few days have experienced strong currents against them, making the passage rather longer than usual.

A special general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on Saturday next to nominate a member of the Chamber to take the place of Mr. H. Whitehead in the Legislative Council during his absence from the colony.

Three hundred pounds of quarts have been brought to Hongkong from the Wattle Mine which are estimated to yield 200,000 lbs. of pure gold.

From a general average of the mine it is estimated that the quarts will yield 20,000 lbs. of pure gold.

The shareholders of the *Wattle Mine*, Limited, in liquidation have resolved that in view of the funds of the Company being exhausted, it is not expedient to continue the Company, and that the Company be forthwith wound up as specially as possible.The schooner *Minatolona*, which arrived in Yokohama recently from the South Sea Islands, reports that a Japanese named Aikawa, formerly one of the crew of the schooner, and afterwards employed by a German resident on the islands, was murdered with his master and one other by the natives.

During the stormy night of the 31st ult. a terrible accident occurred in Cheung Chow, near Capetown. The walls of a small house built of gravel and mud suddenly fell down, resulting in the death of a man and the injury of another. The house was found to be in a very bad state of repair.

The U. P. steamer *Empress of China*, from Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., arrived at Shanghai at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, and left at 8 p.m. the same day for Hongkong, where it may be expected to arrive tomorrow.The steamer *Empress of China*, from Hongkong, left Yokohama on Friday afternoon for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.

A fire occurred in the early hours of yesterday morning in Jervois Street, a grain shop being burnt in flames about three o'clock.

The *Brigade* turned out, and although unable to save the shop they prevented the extension of the fire to the adjacent buildings.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 31st May.
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS TAKES PRECEDENCE IN THE HOUSE.

A motion brought forward by Sir Wm. Harcourt to give priority to Government business during the remainder of the session was adopted by a majority of seventeen.

FRENCH MINISTERIAL PRO-GRAMME.
M. Dupuy, the French Minister, referring to the financial problem, stated that fiscal reforms were not urgent, and that the foreign policy would be to vigorously defend the rights of France.RUSSIAN LEGATION AT HOME.
A Russian Legation has been established at the Vatican.TROUBLES OVER THE CONGO TREATY.
Sir Edward Grey (Parliamentary Secretary, Foreign Office) stated in the House that France had presented a note making very full reservations with regard to the Congo Treaty.FINANCIAL TROUBLES IN THE ARGENTINE.
A serious financial crisis has occurred in Argentina, the premium on gold having gone beyond three hundred.DISCUSSIONS OVER THE BARRAGE TREATY.
Italy declines to accept France's objections to the Barre Treaty.BULGARIA.
Serious conflicts have occurred in the streets of Sofia in which numbers were killed and injured. It is reported that the Police and some of the troops have declared in favour of the Premier Mr. Stambouloff.THE PLAGUE.
The return for the twenty-four hours up to Saturday noon were as follows:

	Admissions	Deaths	Recoveries
Europe	4	4	11
Asia	1	1	2
Africa	1	1	2
America	1	1	2
Total	7	7	17

The above figures show a marked increase in the mortality, but we learn that possibly some reduction ought to be made owing to many of the deaths from the City finding their way into the return for the second time. This is due to the interruption in the burial service by bad weather and the fact that many bodies had to be kept at the hospital for more than 24 hours.

On Saturday the interments were continued, and provision has been made for the disposal of the bodies of the deceased in the hospital, by engaging four military wagons to the service. The same difficulty in getting the bodies removed is not expected, as the military wagons are engaged to take the bodies to the cemetery as they are introduced to the hospital.

The Permanent Committee have received a good stock of tobacco and cigars for the men employed on the cleaning operations. His Excellency sent down 2,000 cigars on Saturday. Messrs. Kew and Co. followed suit with another 2,000, and Mr. Goodman, of Messrs. Melehar and Co. forwarded 1,000.

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